

App. No. 10/530,585
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The Specification, drawings, and claims 1-6 and 8 are hereby amended.

The drawings are objected to for improper labeling in Figure 17. Figure 17 is amended to address the concerns of the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration of the drawings is requested.

Figures 26-31 are objected to for not being labeled as "Prior Art". Figures 26-31 are amended to address the concerns of the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration of the drawings is requested.

The title is objected to for not being descriptive. The title is amended to address the concerns of the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration of the title is requested.

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected as being anticipated by Coombs (US 6,256,285). Applicants traverse this rejection. Coombs does not disclose an optical disk device including a photodetector that is divided into at least two detection regions (A and A' in claim 1, B and B' in claim 3), as required by claims 1 and 3. The rejection relies on Figure 3 of Coombs to teach the claimed two detection regions. However, the shaded areas shown in Figure 3b are not detection regions. In fact, Coombs corresponds to the prior art discussed in the current application and shown, for example, in Figure 28. Favorable reconsideration of claims 1 and 3 is requested.

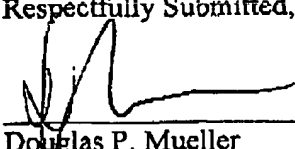
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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612)455-3804.

Respectfully Submitted,

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